which appeared in the 'Indian Express' of 10th March, 1986 to the effect that U.K. sophisticated arms worth £175 million are being supplied to Pakistan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof: and

(c) what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Similar reports in the British press indicate that the deal is for supply of Tank Turrets and armaments to Pakistan.

(c) Government continues to maintain a constant vigil over all developments having a bearing on the country's security.

Indians in Pakistani Jails

286. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Blitz of 8th March, 1986 to the effect that there are a number of Indians who have been in Pakistani jails for thirteen to thirty years and have not been handed over so far to the government of India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of Indian prisoners of War got insane in Pak torture cells; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to secure their release?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are no confirmed reports on any pecific cases; and

(c) Continuous efforts are being made by Government to secure the early release of Indian prisoners from Pakistan Jails.

Gambling Dens in Maurya Shereton Hotel

287. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minsiter of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some gambling dens have recently been detected in Maurya Shereton Hotel in New Delhi and some persons were also arrested;

(b) if so, the number of raids conducted on the Hotel during the last six months and the names of persons arrested and cash seized;

(c) whether Government arrested the Director of the Hotel for managing the gambling den and for supplying of girls for immoral traffic and heroin have also been seized; and

(d) what action has been taken against the guilty persons in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, during a raid on 7th January, 1986, 13 persons were arrested.

(b) No other raid has been conducted during the last six months on this Hotel.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) A case U/s 4/9/55 of the Gambling Act and another case U/s 21/61/85 of Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 has been registered. Challan has since been filed in one case which is pending trial in Court.